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BEFORE THE
Federal Communications Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b)
Table of Allotments
FM Broadcast Stations
(Alexandria, Louisiana)

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MM Docket No. 96-143
RM-8826

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COMMENTS OF ANNETTE G. THOMPSON

Annette G. Thompson ("Ms. Thompson") hereby files her Comments in support of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making ("NPRM"), MM Docket No. 96-143, released July 5, 1996, in the above-captioned proceeding.

1. The Commission issued its NPRM in response to a petition for rule making filed by TYJ Broadcasters, requesting the allotment of Channel 295A to Alexandria, Louisiana. In its NPRM, the Commission found that Channel 295A can be allotted to Alexandria in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction.

2. Ms. Thompson supports this request because she also filed a petition with the Commission requesting the allotment of Channel 295A to Alexandria, Louisiana. A copy of that request is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Although her proposed reference coordinates were slightly different from those sought by TYJ Broadcasters and identified by the Commission in its NPRM, Ms. Thompson firmly believes that the allotment of 295A to Alexandria, Louisiana is in the public interest. Alexandria is an incorporated municipality. Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, 124th edition (1993). The Alexandria Metropolitan Area, the eighth

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largest in Louisiana, contains a population of 132,000. Id. As demonstrated in TYJ's request, Alexandria has its own local government, consisting of a mayor and city council. Also, Alexandria is the professional, commercial, and service center for Central Louisiana, an area of expanding industry and agriculture. Alexandria is currently served by only three AM and four FM stations, and it is clear that the city's population and business community would benefit greatly from the addition of another FM broadcast outlet.

3. Accordingly, if the Commission allots Channel 295A to Alexandria as requested, Ms. Thompson or an entity in which she is a principal will expeditiously file a Form 301 application for this channel, and, if authorized, will proceed promptly with the construction and operation of a new FM station.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Annette G. Thompson respectfully urges the Commission to issue a Report and Order, as expeditiously as possible, allocating Channel 295A to Alexandria, Louisiana.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNETTE G. THOMPSON

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Dated: August 26, 1996

EXHIBIT A

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June 12, 1996

Mr. William Caton
Acting Secretary
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M Street, NW Rm 222
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed please find my request for Allotment of Channel 295A, a Class A FM to serve Alexandria, La. We are enclosing one original and four (4) copies for this filing.

Should any questions arise please contact me or our Attorney Vincent Curtis at Fletcher Heald Hildreth.

Sincerely,



Annette G. Thompson

AGT/bt

Enclosures
cc: V. Curtis

FM Allotment

Annette G. Thompson

Alexandria, LA

Channel 295 106.9 MHz Class A

6.0 Kw ERP 100 M HAAT

May 29, 1996

**Ellis Engineering
C. F. Ellis, P.E.
1103 LaNeuville
Lafayette, LA 70508
(318) 984-2420**

May 29, 1996

Request for Allotment of Channel 295A
Alexandria, LA

May 29, 1996

Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20002

Annette G. Thompson
108 Horseshoe Drive
Crowley, LA 70526

Annette G. Thompson requests FM Channel 295 as a Class A station serving the City of Alexandria, LA.

The proposed reference site for this allocation request is:

31° 18' 00" North Latitude
92° 27' 00" West Longitude

This site is located on land that is suitable and available for use as a tower site for the proposed Class A FM Station.

Table 1 is a spacing allocation study performed under the present rules demonstrating that from the reference site there are no allocation difficulties with any existing or proposed FM stations. Table 2 gives the distance to the City Grade (70 dbu) contour of a full Class C3 FM station located at the proposed reference site. Figure 1 demonstrates this allocation situation. Alexandria, LA, the proposed City of License, lies totally within the 70 dbu City Grade contour of a full facility Class A.

The proponent address is:

Annette G. Thompson
108 Horseshoe Drive
Crowley, LA 70526

PH: (318) 783-2135

Should the Federal Communication Commission grant this allocation request, Annette G. Thompson will file the appropriate application to obtain a construction permit to serve Alexandria, LA, the proposed City of License.

An Anti-Drug Statement accompanies this document.


Annette G. Thompson, Proponent

Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 Certification

The applicant, Annette G. Thompson, certifies that:

In the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (e.g., corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to that section. For the definition of a "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.2002(b).

Signature:

Mrs. Annette G. Thompson

Date:

6/12/96

Table 1

FM CHANNEL SPACING STUDY

Job title: Alexandria, LA Class A FM
Channel: 295A
Database file name: FCC

Latitude: 31 18 0
Longitude: 92 27 0

CH	Call	Record	City	ST	Status	Bear.	Dist.	Reqd. Dist.	Result
294C	WSTZFM	11471	Vicksburg	MS	LIC	61.8	217.6	165.0	
295C3		11960	Franklin	LA	ADD	151.3	190.0	142.0	
293C2	KQXLFM	11985	New Roads	LA	LIC	121.2	144.0	55.0	
296C3	KFNVFM	12019	Ferriday	LA	LIC	68.5	92.7	89.0	3.7
297C3		12507	Lake Arthur	LA	VACANT	196.7	136.9	42.0	
298C2	NEW	12510	Lake Arthur	LA	APP	201.4	130.7	55.0	
296A	KOGM	12513	Opelousas	LA	LIC	159.0	92.0	72.0	20.0
294A	KCRL	12518	Rayne	LA	LIC	175.2	108.4	72.0	
298C2		12539	Lake Arthur	LA	VACANT	199.0	128.3	55.0	
298C	KXKZ	12603	Ruston	LA	LIC	349.1	129.2	95.0	
296C3	KWLTV	13136	Many	LA	LIC	291.0	96.6	89.0	7.6
294A	KCIJ	13143	North Fort Polk	LA	LIC	251.5	82.4	72.0	10.4
294C2	KZXB	13180	Homer	LA	LIC	331.6	182.7	106.0	
295C	KKHT	14223	Conroe	TX	CP	245.7	282.1	226.0	
295C	KKHT	14225	Conroe	TX	LIC	248.6	285.4	226.0	

End of channel 295 study

Table 2

Full Facility A at Reference Site

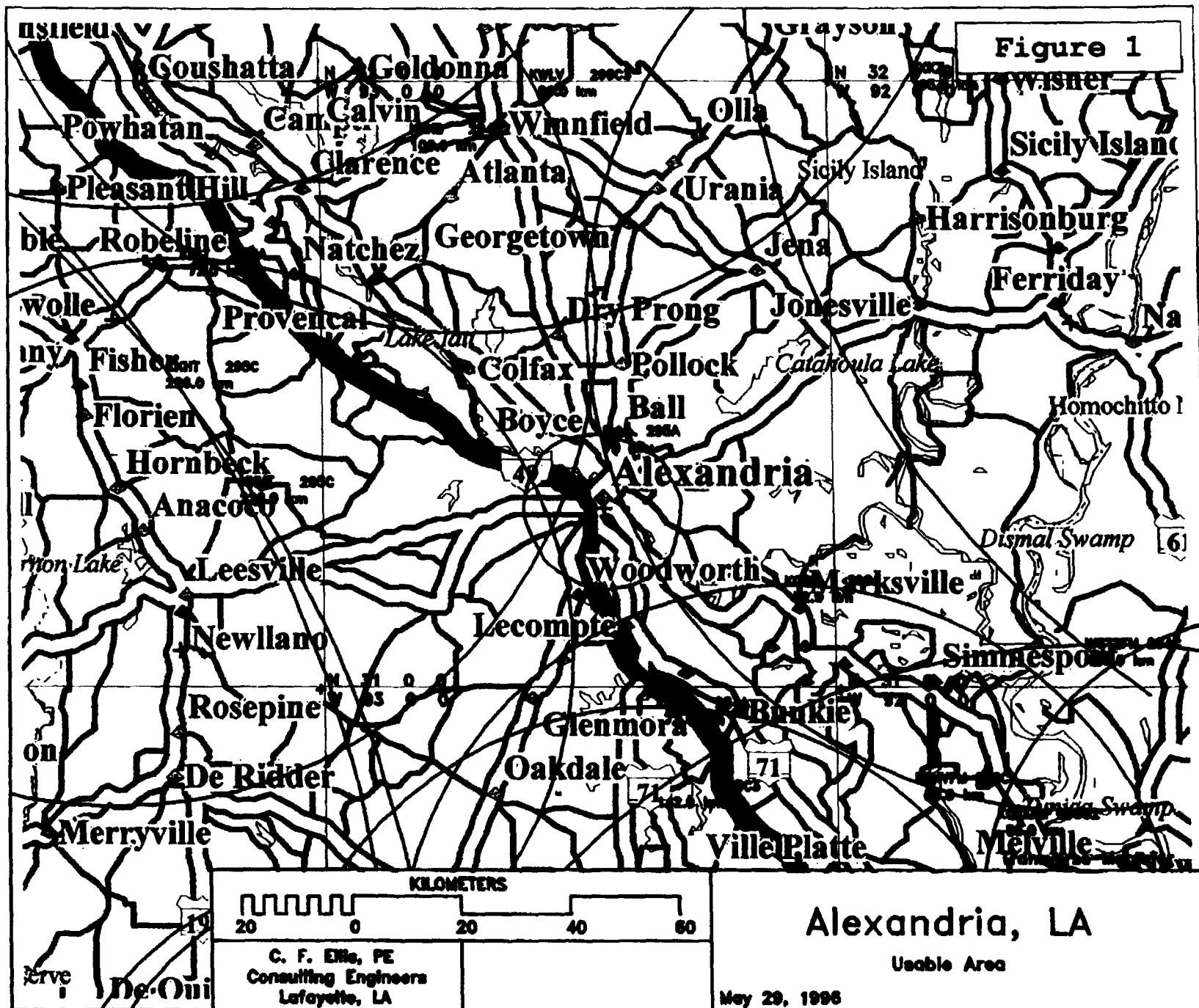
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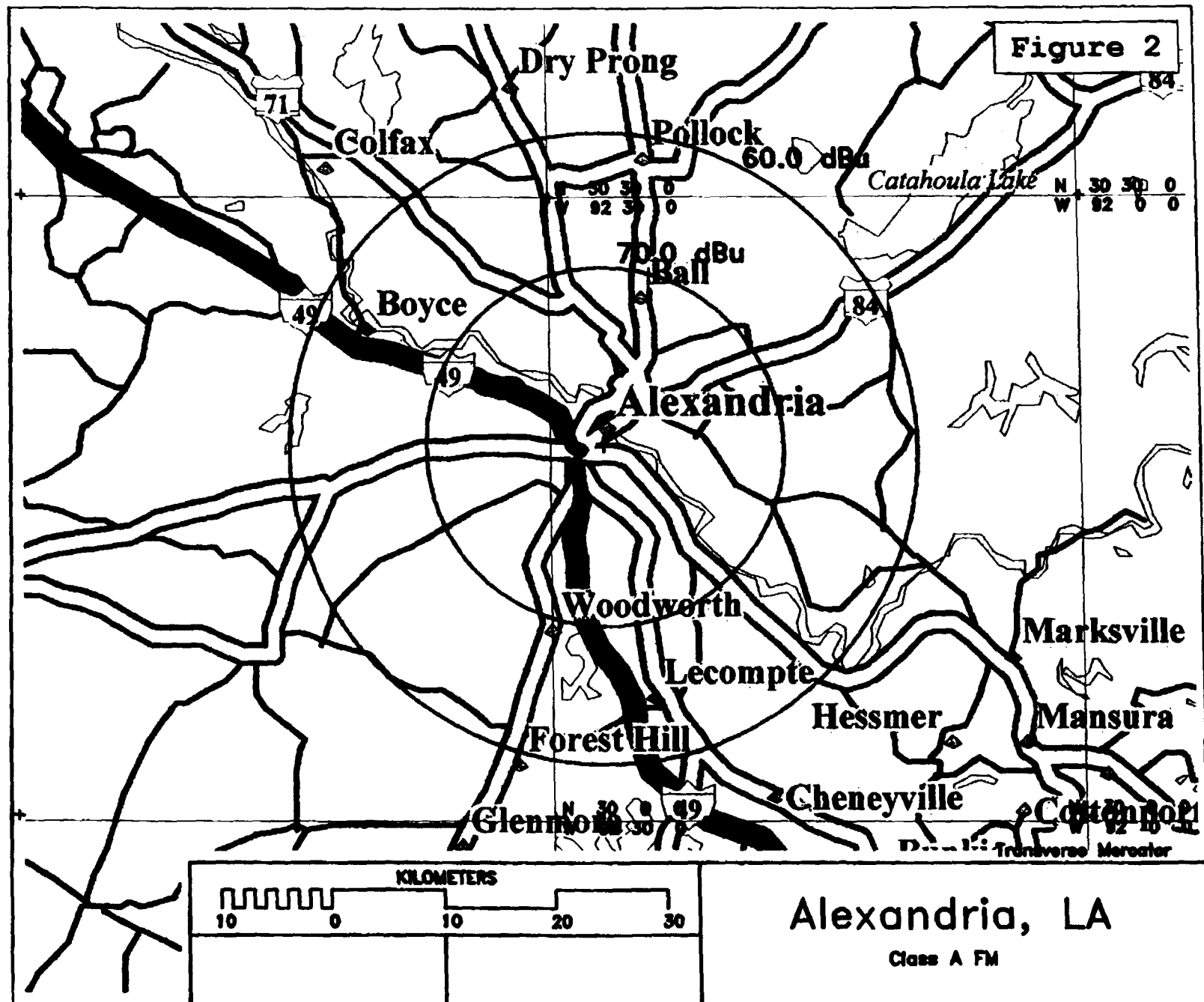
Frequency: 106.9000 MHz

Coordinates: N 30 18 00
W 92 27 00

F(50,50) Curves

AZ (deg)	HAAT (m)	ERP (kW)	CONTOUR LEVELS (dBu):	
			70.0	60.0
.0	97	6.0000	15.9	27.9
45.0	97	6.0000	15.9	27.9
90.0	99	6.0000	16.1	28.2
135.0	101	6.0000	16.3	28.4
180.0	103	6.0000	16.4	28.7
225.0	103	6.0000	16.4	28.7
270.0	100	6.0000	16.1	28.3
315.0	99	6.0000	16.1	28.2



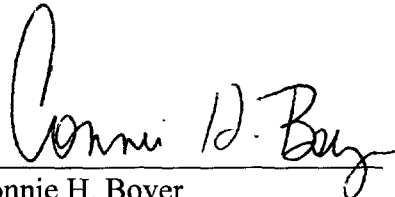


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Connie H. Boyer, a secretary in the law firm of Fisher Wayland Cooper Leader & Zaragoza L.L.P., hereby certify on that, on this 26th day of August 1996, I have caused the foregoing "**COMMENTS OF ANNETTE G. THOMPSON**" to be served by first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the following:

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Connie H. Boyer

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